

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows.

**Page 6, delete the third paragraph and insert therefore the following:**

The salt serves to stabilize the foam by means of repulsive forces due to the presence of polar groups at the interface, and may suitably be a monovalent salt such as potassium chloride, sodium chloride, potassium acetate, ~~sodium acetate~~ and mixtures thereof.